

House Amendment 1313

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1 1 Amend House File 667 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 15, by inserting after line 6, the
1 3 following:
1 4 <14A. To be credited to the Iowa marriage
1 5 initiative grant fund created in section 234.35:
1 6 \$ 85,000
1 7 a. Moneys credited to the Iowa marriage initiative
1 8 grant fund under this subsection are appropriated to
1 9 the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1 10 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, to be used in
1 11 accordance with this section.
1 12 b. The department shall establish an Iowa
1 13 fatherhood and family initiative grant program
1 14 utilizing funds credited to the Iowa marriage
1 15 initiative grant fund created in section 234.35 to
1 16 fund services to support fatherhood and to encourage
1 17 the formation and maintenance of two-parent families
1 18 that are secure and nurturing. The department of
1 19 human services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
1 20 17A to administer the grant fund and to establish
1 21 procedures for awarding of grants.
1 22 c. The program shall require that a grantee be a
1 23 nonprofit organization incorporated in this state with
1 24 demonstrated successful experience in facilitating
1 25 fatherhood promotion activities, marriage and family
1 26 promotion activities, in using media resources to
1 27 promote fatherhood and marriage and family formation,
1 28 in making presentations to service or faith-based
1 29 organizations, and in raising private funding for
1 30 activities that support fatherhood, marriage, and
1 31 families.
1 32 d. Preference in awarding grants may be given to
1 33 those nonprofit organizations working with faith-based
1 34 groups and those groups targeting young fathers.
1 35 e. The program activities funded by a grant shall
1 36 include but are not limited to all of the following:
1 37 (1) Working with individuals who have a
1 38 demonstrated ability in working with at-risk fathers
1 39 or working with those who may solemnize marriages
1 40 pursuant to section 598.10 to utilize premarital
1 41 diagnostic tools, to implement marriage agreements
1 42 developed by the individuals who may solemnize
1 43 marriages pursuant to section 595.10 that provide for
1 44 an appropriate engagement period and premarital and
1 45 post marital counseling, and to use volunteer mentors
1 46 in program activities.
1 47 (2) Provision of a series of meetings sharing best
1 48 practices that encourage young fathers to fulfill
1 49 their responsibilities to the expectant mother of the
1 50 child during the pregnancy, and to the mother of the
2 1 child following the birth of the child, that promote
2 2 happy and healthy marriages, and that offer counseling
2 3 to determine the father's level of commitment to the
2 4 child and the child's mother.
2 5 f. The program activities funded by a grant shall
2 6 be privately funded at no less than fifty percent of
2 7 the grant amount.
2 8 g. Grants shall be awarded in a manner that
2 9 results in provision of services throughout the state
2 10 in an equal number of urban and rural geographic
2 11 areas.
2 12 h. The department shall implement the grant
2 13 program so that the initial request for proposals is
2 14 issued on or before October 1, 2003, and so that any
2 15 grants are awarded on or before January 1, 2004.
2 16 i. A grantee shall submit a quarterly financial
2 17 report to the department and to the legislative fiscal
2 18 bureau and shall be subject to an annual independent
2 19 evaluation to assess accomplishment of the purposes of
2 20 the program.
2 21 j. The department shall provide a copy of the

2 22 request for proposals and shall submit a report
2 23 concerning the proposals received and grants awarded
2 24 to those persons designated by this division of this
2 25 Act to receive reports.
2 26 k. The department may adopt emergency rules to
2 27 implement the provisions of this subsection.>
2 28 [#2.](#) By renumbering as necessary.
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